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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a)		Electricity		Gas (c)		Raw steel		Cement		Motor vehicles (d)		Electric motors under 720W		Four weeks ended	Coal (e)
	'000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	mil. kWh	Seas. adj.	mil. megajoules	Seas. adj.	'000 tonnes	Seas. adj.	'000 tonnes	Seas. adj.	'000	Seas. adj.	'000	Seas. adj.		
1987-88—																
August			47.2	12,070	11,111	52,306	46,685	547	525	485	478	28.4	198	190	August 22	14,206
September	26,629		40.4	11,221	11,203	49,379	45,451	562	541	509	487	29.4	26.1	219	September 19	10,675
October			49.4	11,338	11,461	45,493	44,555	524	513	556	503	29.8	26.6	238	October 17	15,350
November			40.6	10,861	11,543	39,857	43,346	479	496	525	504	29.8	27.2	213	November 14	15,484
December	26,225		30.6	10,985	11,632	37,958	43,252	445	453	532	525	25.1	27.3	198	December 12	15,247
January			29.7	10,927	11,728	35,567	43,345	406	414	362	530	6.9	23.2	89	January 9	4,267
February			41.4	10,790	11,517	37,696	43,440	475	510	509	507	25.2	25.9	197	February 6	12,940
March	24,283		44.9	11,425	11,479	42,214	44,379	589	584	545	519	31.3	27.3	215	March 5	13,209
April			35.5	10,788	11,544	39,137	43,298	495	529	499	514	24.0	28.0	180	April 2	14,876
May			37.0	11,772	11,443	47,062	43,527	484	474	537	521	28.5	28.5	213	April 30	12,605
June	25,671		38.7	12,104	11,182	50,610	44,303	536	532	586	584	28.3	26.1	228	May 28	14,863
1988-89—																
July			42.8	12,634	11,033	54,780	44,128	555	521	556	532	26.0	22.9	217	June 25	10,111
August			41.7	12,758	11,633	54,649	47,094	565	532	595	583	31.4	26.4	245	July 23	12,073
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	11,816	11,795	48,683	45,376	552	525	574	543	30.8	27.2	239	201	August 20	17,029
October			11,990	12,202	43,409	42,458	578	571	584	541	30.1	28.2	205	179	September 17	n.y.a.

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

PRODUCTION—continued

STOCKS(d)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) ' 000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) ' 000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth ' 000 sq m		Price index manufac- turing division(a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)		Meat ' 000 tonnes		Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1987-88—																
September	3,628	3,285	1,107	1,013	14,659	13,479	480.8	203	189	649	504	127,858	80.4	46,152	45,976	
October	4,061	3,515	1,008	899	14,709	12,876	483.0	234	222	797	514	122,358	78.0			
November	3,387	3,434	966	871	14,312	13,382	486.8	214	216	752	513	104,412	77.7	47,161	47,288	
December	2,582	3,371	775	929	13,063	15,470	489.6	198	209	696	516	59,737	77.0			
January	781	2,818	448	769	12,454	14,006	494.3	181	211	604	508	37,755	80.7			
February	3,324	3,298	994	885	15,279	13,619	498.4	215	219	471	519	58,638	79.1			
March	3,465	3,078	1,069	868	15,394	13,691	501.3	235	209	399	501	60,137	79.1	48,189	48,079	
April	3,324	3,358	772	840	13,159	13,691	504.2	182	191	321	503	40,871	79.9			
May	3,305	3,016	833	817	14,793	14,154	507.0	187	182	302	504	38,798	84.2			
June	3,396	3,037	827	823	16,122	13,982	507.8	185	178	286	501	34,985	86.3	48,119	48,299	
1988-89—																
July	3,869	3,171	878	905	15,921	14,565	509.6	r166	r165	338	497	58,821	81.8			
August	3,568	3,197	r938	r857	r17,368	r15,317	513.8	r200	r195	489	507	106,269	85.6			
September	3,635	3,061	849	835	16,719	14,975	517.2	212	210	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
October	3,397	3,238	782	747	15,624	14,416	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

FOREIGN TRADE

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Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1984-85 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	1974-75 = 100.0	1981-82 = 100.0						
1987-88—									
August	3,167	2,968			247		-285	-848	19,315
September	3,084	3,398	8,520	-7,498	252	158.2	-640	-1,225	19,557
October	3,303	3,302			253		-502	-1,326	19,858
November	3,351	3,518			258		-343	-859	17,607
December	3,856	3,594	8,971	-8,304	264	164.6	23	-673	17,430
January	3,508	2,926			268		317	-510	17,169
February	3,650	3,589			272		-157	-996	16,869
March	3,596	3,748	9,375	-8,625	278	165.5	-398	-1,226	17,331
April	3,598	3,096			280		276	-534	18,564
May	3,463	3,655			283		-418	-1,357	19,457
June	3,453	3,323	8,440	-8,523	282	p159.6	-134	-941	20,182
1988-89—									
July	r3,146	3,633			280		-809	-1,449	20,226
August	r3,516	3,825			p279		-663	-1,292	20,176
September	3,410	3,270	8,340	-9,150	p280	n.y.a.	-381	-974	20,628
October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		-970	-1,685	20,118

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to SA at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

RETAIL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (a) \$m

Month	Total			Average 1984-85 prices		Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (b) '000	
	Current prices												
	Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1987-88—													
August	5,403	5,737	5,742			1,529	1,568	586	706	29.1	29.1	6.2	6.2
September	5,585	5,773	5,777	13,680	14,196	1,531	1,576	657	709	34.0	32.3	6.7	6.8
October	5,917	5,795	5,805			1,628	1,585	692	712	31.8	31.9	7.1	7.4
November	5,879	5,827	5,833			1,578	1,595	728	718	29.0	30.7	6.4	7.1
December	8,099	5,868	5,859	16,087	14,172	1,894	1,604	1,426	723	37.0	35.6	7.6	8.4
January	5,545	5,864	5,889			1,565	1,612	615	727	29.9	30.2	4.8	6.1
February	5,378	5,895	5,925			1,546	1,621	539	730	28.8	30.3	6.7	7.0
March	5,929	6,072	5,961	13,459	14,224	1,694	r1,630	666	r732	35.0	30.4	7.8	6.6
April	5,713	5,973	5,999			1,623	1,638	703	r736	29.7	33.7	7.0	7.3
May	5,888	5,866	6,034			1,595	r1,645	727	r734	35.5	33.8	8.8	8.2
June	5,870	6,234	6,067	13,618	14,089	1,609	r1,651	710	r735	36.8	33.5	9.6	8.3
1988-89—													
July	r5,848	r6,107	r6,094			r1,610	r1,655	r673	r734	32.3	23.1	7.9	7.3
August	5,873	6,067	6,112			1,651	1,659	641	733	37.1	34.4	9.1	8.3
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p40.5	p39.4	p9.5	p8.8
October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p36.4	p38.0	p9.6	p10.3

(a) Series based on 1984-85 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$)	Index of minimum award rates of pay, full-time adult persons June 1985 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females				All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1987-88—														
July				109.9										
August	457.00	302.30	444.20	110.0	1.22									
September				110.2		170.0	160.2	159.1	172.3	168.8	181.9	192.6	163.7	148.7
October				110.4										
November	470.00	306.50	450.10	110.6	1.46									
December				111.2		172.9	162.2	163.8	174.4	171.4	186.7	195.9	168.4	149.5
January				111.4										
February	474.90	315.30	458.80	113.5	1.34									
March				113.6		176.0	165.0	163.9	177.2	173.4	188.6	199.8	176.2	155.3
April				113.7										
May	481.70	316.40	464.80	113.7	1.38									
June				113.7		179.0	170.4	170.1	180.8	176.1	188.2	203.0	179.2	156.9
1988-89—														
July				113.9										
August	486.50	319.60	470.10	114.0	1.33									
September				n.y.a.		182.4	175.1	170.8	188.0	179.0	191.1	205.6	180.6	158.1

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 + 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Price indexes(a)												Private new capital expenditure(b)(c) \$ m			
	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in building other than house building						
										Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery		
																Original
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1987-88—																
August	1,846.7	1,687.3	10.5	10.5	181.2					109.8	188.9					
September	1,615.2	1,618.0	11.6	11.0	226.4	4,844.3	4,596.8	31.0	29.4	110.2	189.8	1,964	1,990	3,496	3,551	
October	1,818.7	1,759.8	12.1	11.5	228.0					110.8	191.7					
November	1,778.4	1,676.2	12.6	12.1	167.9					112.0	194.3					
December	1,727.1	1,740.8	11.8	12.0	262.8	5,061.0	5,015.1	33.4	32.7	112.9	196.2	2,396	2,080	4,165	3,962	
January	1,462.0	1,917.5	10.2	12.4	170.3					113.8	198.5					
February	1,919.4	2,100.3	12.8	12.4	256.3					114.7	199.4					
March	1,825.1	1,687.1	14.5	13.2	209.2	5,374.2	5,820.3	33.3	35.9	116.1	200.9	1,811	2,122	3,546	4,021	
April	1,878.6	2,028.6	12.6	13.9	212.1					117.4	202.6					
May	2,562.3	2,367.9	15.3	14.1	457.2					118.8	204.8					
June	2,182.2	2,026.5	16.0	14.9	355.0	6,014.7	5,931.3	38.1	38.5	p119.7	p206.2	2,316	2,304	4,349	4,011	
1988-89—																
July	2,272.1	2,409.1	15.0	15.2	160.5					p120.5	p207.0					
August	2,313.1	1,938.5	18.0	16.6	218.9					p121.5	p208.1					
September	2,336.4	2,340.7	16.9	16.7	190.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p122.4	p209.4	p2,366	p2,392	p3,642	p3,707	
October	2,095.5	2,100.7	15.5	15.3	203.1					n.y.a.	n.y.a.					

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (c) These data are not directly comparable with estimates published prior to 10 December 1987.

FINANCE

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Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
	1987-88—	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	\$m	\$m		
August	54,244	53,865	45,902	46,674	45,794	46,009	908	217	67	12.60	6,877
September	55,012	54,818	45,865	46,271	46,540	46,935	1,220	258	76	11.80	5,199
October	55,334	55,291	46,926	47,148	47,491	47,164	1,155	326	80	13.00	5,644
November	55,969	56,152	47,567	48,223	47,574	47,684	1,162	294	76	12.35	6,735
December	57,495	56,901	47,873	47,424	48,614	48,471	1,345	257	72	11.45	7,485
January	56,910	57,102	47,120	47,006	47,729	47,989	850	175	61	11.35	6,494
February	57,485	57,359	46,638	46,156	47,320	47,986	1,331	288	79	11.55	6,730
March	57,599	57,996	47,608	46,709	47,704	47,864	1,771	390	96	10.85	8,596
April	58,799	59,633	47,544	46,831	47,743	46,898	1,324	322	82	10.90	9,496
May	60,150	60,582	47,026	47,172	47,526	47,155	1,610	421	101	12.30	9,988
June	61,756	61,482	48,954	48,987	48,847	48,970	1,926	405	100	11.70	8,367
1988-89—											
July	63,240	62,875	48,943	49,424	48,998	48,746	1,458	339	82	12.05	6,717
August	64,581	64,096	48,369	49,116	49,734	49,968	1,682	322	96	12.30	8,069
September	65,277	65,025	49,153	49,793	50,743	51,189	1,458	336	88	12.90	6,846
October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	52,001	52,247	52,836	52,469	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13.05	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(\$ million)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Private		Government		Private		Public	
							Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1986-87— June qtr	66,640	68,747	1,722	2,731	64,918	66,016	39,165	39,798	13,352	12,526	11,685	11,344	5,861	4,919
1987-88— September qtr	70,455	69,885	2,438	2,789	68,017	67,096	41,038	41,240	12,271	12,714	11,994	11,851	4,199	4,623
December qtr	76,997	71,780	5,030	2,960	71,967	68,820	44,496	41,896	13,277	12,811	13,295	12,621	4,935	4,861
March qtr	71,027	74,206	2,530	3,440	68,497	70,766	41,466	43,035	12,364	13,246	12,322	13,581	3,960	4,568
June qtr	73,857	76,770	2,070	3,124	71,787	73,646	43,058	43,754	14,502	13,618	14,954	14,574	4,988	4,046
1988-89— September qtr	79,675	78,948	3,011	3,586	76,664	75,362	44,594	44,780	13,952	14,483	14,838	14,637	3,810	4,210
AT AVERAGE 1984-85 PRICES														
1986-87— June qtr	56,373	58,135	1,434	2,422	54,939	55,713	32,422	32,912	11,707	10,910	9,310	9,044	4,915	4,125
1987-88— September qtr	58,005	58,092	1,786	2,298	56,219	55,794	33,379	33,497	10,395	10,837	9,426	9,315	3,468	3,820
December qtr	63,322	58,641	4,342	2,389	58,980	56,252	35,604	33,585	11,289	10,857	10,315	9,789	3,983	3,924
March qtr	56,528	58,936	1,837	2,516	54,691	56,420	32,641	33,898	10,261	11,046	9,466	10,439	3,137	3,621
June qtr	57,526	59,566	1,468	2,226	56,058	57,340	33,323	33,824	12,032	11,222	11,255	10,948	3,924	3,178
1988-89— September qtr	59,751	59,763	1,765	2,377	57,986	57,386	33,930	34,023	11,363	11,869	10,917	10,787	2,979	3,291

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)			
							Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements	Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1986-87— June qtr	11,830	11,942	11,107	10,887	34,570	34,293	9,392	9,819	14,674	16,814	34,566	56,234	15,885	40,349
1987-88— September qtr	12,606	11,904	10,900	11,072	35,035	35,039	10,033	9,690	17,435	16,864	35,038	55,770	9,686	46,084
December qtr	13,196	13,111	12,374	12,158	37,261	35,834	11,396	10,489	19,878	16,913	37,245	61,650	10,991	50,659
March qtr	13,114	13,883	12,876	13,273	35,887	36,820	9,996	10,830	16,439	18,125	35,866	55,991	12,002	43,989
June qtr	12,879	13,015	12,603	12,384	37,499	37,809	11,087	11,602	16,450	18,688	37,484	59,996	15,894	44,102
1988-89— September qtr	14,078	13,301	12,225	12,431	38,491	38,281	12,660	12,235	19,989	19,528	38,477	61,005	12,192	48,813

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(b)**

LABOUR FORCE(a)

Month	Employed ('000 persons)				Unemployed ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate (per cent)		Participation rate (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1987—													
August	5,656.3	5,716.0	7,073.2	7,136.3	495.4	509.2	601.9	626.4	7.8	8.1	61.4	62.1	56.2
September	5,734.4	5,720.8	7,165.8	7,129.3	489.6	501.8	598.2	603.6	7.7	7.8	62.0	61.8	
October	5,751.0	5,755.7	7,156.1	7,145.2	475.6	514.6	585.2	632.2	7.6	8.1	61.7	62.0	52.2
November	5,705.6	5,708.7	7,159.9	7,125.3	469.6	508.7	566.5	617.9	7.3	8.0	61.5	61.6	
December	5,872.2	5,794.4	7,307.9	7,218.8	506.7	501.6	619.6	611.8	7.8	7.8	63.0	62.2	
1988—													
January	5,825.0	5,832.3	7,145.3	7,296.0	541.9	499.6	645.2	614.1	8.3	7.8	61.8	62.8	61.8
February	5,845.6	5,833.6	7,219.1	7,261.7	519.8	466.6	642.8	583.7	8.2	7.4	62.3	62.2	
March	5,884.5	5,859.2	7,366.1	7,310.8	493.0	467.5	642.3	588.3	8.0	7.4	63.3	62.5	
April	5,874.6	5,891.9	7,353.5	7,342.4	491.4	490.1	642.8	628.5	8.0	7.9	63.1	62.9	58.5
May	5,854.3	5,871.6	7,326.1	7,318.7	468.6	469.6	591.9	592.5	7.5	7.5	62.4	62.3	
June	5,862.9	5,892.7	7,351.6	7,354.5	459.3	471.2	568.5	584.8	7.2	7.4	62.3	62.5	
July	5,913.4	5,902.0	7,357.7	7,345.0	432.2	446.2	519.3	540.6	6.6	6.9	61.8	61.9	65.8
August	5,856.0	5,917.8	7,330.1	7,396.2	445.9	457.6	538.8	559.5	6.8	7.0	61.7	62.4	
September	5,962.7	5,949.9	7,480.2	7,442.6	439.2	450.1	554.5	558.5	6.9	7.0	62.9	62.6	
October	5,998.9	6,003.8	7,455.9	7,445.1	406.5	439.3	508.0	548.1	6.4	6.9	62.2	62.4	

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about three-fifths of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
('000 persons)

('000 persons)														Australia				Total Public and Private
Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Public								
										Common- wealth	State(b)	Local	Total					
1987—																		
April	1,979.8	1,589.5	817.6	476.8	522.5	154.7	55.4	122.1	3,979.1	441.7	1,144.1	153.6	1,739.4	5,718.5				
May	1,989.6	1,604.0	822.4	477.5	525.1	155.9	56.0	123.4	4,003.8	442.1	1,152.8	155.3	1,750.2	5,754.0				
June	1,991.7	1,596.7	822.2	477.7	525.3	154.2	56.8	122.7	3,989.7	442.5	1,158.8	156.6	1,757.9	5,747.5				
July	2,002.3	1,626.9	821.2	485.1	524.5	153.4	55.4	121.6	4,002.4	502.4	1,130.6	154.9	1,788.0	5,790.3				
August	2,002.6	1,619.4	818.0	483.4	524.0	152.2	55.0	122.2	4,034.1	436.5	1,496.6	156.7	1,742.8	5,776.9				
September	2,009.0	1,623.3	819.3	483.3	523.0	151.3	54.7	122.3	4,039.8	433.4	1,156.0	157.0	1,746.4	5,786.2				
October	2,035.0	1,629.1	830.5	479.9	521.4	150.4	52.3	123.2	4,085.1	432.1	1,147.5	156.5	1,736.8	5,821.9				
November	2,059.7	1,639.7	837.6	484.9	528.1	151.5	52.5	125.3	4,140.3	432.2	1,149.0	157.2	1,739.1	5,879.3				
December	2,065.8	1,649.2	833.2	484.9	529.1	153.1	51.4	125.0	4,161.0	432.6	1,140.0	157.9	1,730.5	5,891.6				
1988—																		
January	2,042.1	1,610.9	806.8	483.4	504.5	148.0	50.3	121.4	4,097.3	428.5	1,087.3	154.2	1,670.0	5,767.4				
February	2,090.0	1,642.5	818.8	491.7	516.8	149.6	49.8	125.1	4,177.8	432.1	1,118.3	156.2	1,706.7	5,884.4				
March	2,093.7	1,656.1	828.7	494.7	522.7	150.6	50.7	126.2	4,193.2	432.8	1,141.1	156.2	1,730.0	5,923.2				
April	2,099.0	1,640.6	829.0	491.0	518.7	148.7	52.0	125.0	4,169.9	430.4	1,148.7	155.0	1,734.0	5,903.9				
May	2,115.6	1,652.4	843.1	492.7	521.8	149.5	53.0	126.4	4,209.9	432.9	1,155.9	155.7	1,744.6	5,954.5				
June	2,100.1	1,646.3	842.2	491.2	520.8	148.6	54.1	126.4	4,198.9	431.7	1,152.6	155.5	1,739.8	5,938.7				

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 15,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Public Sector Employers are collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia* (6248.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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